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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA, SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 11

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1. RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MET MAY 11 TO CON-
SIDER SIX ITEMS UNDER THE RUBRIC OF GENERAL SUBJECTS:
(A) QUESTION OF CONFLICTING REPORTS OF MEMBER STATES
ON ORIGIN OF GOODS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FROM
SOUTHERN RHODESIA: ITEM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED
ON MARCH 23. US AND UK REITERATED POINTS MADE AT THAT
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MEETING (REFTEL) AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ITEM BE KEPT
ON THE AGENDA. CHAIRMAN JAIPAL (INDIA) SUGGESTED THAT
THERE BE CASE-BY-CASE CONSIDERATION UNDER ITEM
BUT CHOSE NOT TO PLACE HIS SUGGESTION FORMALLY BEFORE
THE COMMITTEE FOR A DECISION UNTIL AFTER THE FINAL
US REPORT ON BYRD AMENDMENTS IMPORTS IS SUBMITTED.
COMMITTEE AGREED TO RETAIN ITEM ON AGENDA.

(B) MERCENARIES: AT MARCH 23 MEETING THE CHAIRMAN HAD ASKED THE UK TO EXAMINE EXISTING SC RESOLUTION AND REPORT BACK ON ANY FURTHER ACTION CONSIDERED NECESSARY. UK REPORTED THAT SC RESOLUTIONS APPEARED QUITE COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT ANOTHER RESOLUTION WOULD PROBABLY NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING NEW. THE CHAIRMAN SAID MOST STATES HAD LAWS AGAINST MERCENARIES AND THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN CASES ARE BROUGHT TO THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION. THE ITEM WAS RETAINED ON THE AGENDA.

(C) CESSATION BY ALL STATES OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ANY SOUTHERN RHODESIAN OFFICES WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY: THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THE US REP HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE USG WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DC, AND ASKED IF THAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. US REP RESPECTFULLY REPLIED THAT CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT WAS NOT CORRECT, THAT US IS CONTINUING TO STUDY THE MATTER AND WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATED REPORT.

(D) CO-OPERATION WITH THE ARMS EMBARGO WATCHDOG COMMITTEE: USSR SUGGESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA AND JOINED KUWAIT IN STATING THAT THE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE COULD BE ADVISED ON SOURCES OF INFORMATION. HE ARGUED FURTHER THAT SINCE IT WAS A NEW COMMITTEE, IT MIGHT NEED ASSISTANCE ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS. UK POINTED OUT THAT MANY REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATED ON BOTH COMMITTEES, PROVIDING THE NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXPERTISE. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEES IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE TERMS COULD ASSIST THE OTHER COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, HE WOULD INFORMALLY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE.

(E) OVERT VIOLATION OF SANCTIONS: USSR SUGGESTED THIS ITEM BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA AND THAT THERE BE SEPARATE LISTING OF FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS. THIS LIST WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AHEAD OF OTHER VIOLATIONS. HE PROPOSED FURTHER THAT SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (1) OVERT AND (2) FLAGRANT. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT ANY OVERT VIOLATION WAS FLAGRANT. US DID NOT SEE ANY PURPOSE IN THE USSR'S SUGGESTION AND SAID THAT A SANCTIONS VIOLATION, OVERT OR COVERT, REMAINED A VIOLATION. IN THAT REGARD THE COMMITTEE SHOULD LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE INSTEAD OF PRODUCING ADDITIONAL UNNECESSARY PAPER. THE ITEM, HOWEVER, WAS ACCEPTED FOR RETENTION ON THE AGENDA.

(F) EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS TO FULL EXTENT OF ARTICLE 41: THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM.

2. WHEN THE COMMITTEE TURNED TO "OTHER MATTERS", THE

FRG SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE COMMITTEE'S QUARTERLY REPORT OF THOSE FAILING TO COOPERATE BECAUSE IT HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO REPLY ON A PARTICULAR CASE. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE TWO-MONTH TIME LIMIT WAS RATHER SHORT. THIS PROMPTED NIGERIA TO SUGGEST THAT THE TIME LIMIT BE CHANGED TO THREE MONTHS. US OPPOSED THIS CHANGE BECAUSE A BRIEF INTERIM REPLY WOULD SUFFICE TO KEEP A MEMBER FROM BEING PLACED ON THE LIST AND, MOREOVER, EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT WOULD SLOW THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE EVEN FURTHER. THE TIME LIMIT

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REMAINED AT TWO MONTHS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AN UPDATED REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DC, WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUNG

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